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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:291
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Urea Production in Madras Fertilizers Ltd.
Patil Shri Bheemrao Baswanthrao

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Madras Fertilizers Ltd. is exploring the possibility of using Krishnapatnam Port to transport imported gas as feedstock for producing urea; and

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) & (b): The possibility of using Krishnapatnam Port to transport gas for producing urea, through Cryogenic Tanker was explored in consultation with Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) and Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL). However, continuation of urea operation of Madras Fertilizers Limited (MFL)-Manali on gas supply through gas tankers was found technically not feasible in short run at least within the next 12-18 months.

Based on the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) decision, vide notification dated 17th June, 2015, Department of Fertilizers has allowed MFL − Manali to continue production of urea using Naphtha as feedstock till MFL gets assured supply of gas either by gas pipeline or any other means.

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